

**October 29, 2013**

**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

### **The Detroit Free Press: Judge's girlfriend pleads guilty to driving drunk with his kids in car**

"The girlfriend of a Macomb County judge has admitted driving drunk while the judge's children were passengers in her vehicle. Brenda Conway of Troy pleaded guilty Monday in 46th District Court in Southfield to a misdemeanor charge of operating while intoxicated with occupants younger than 16. She could face a sentence of five days to one year in jail when she is sentenced on Dec. 12. Brenda Conway, who is the girlfriend of Macomb County Circuit Court Judge Richard Caretti, was ordered to wear an alcohol tether until her sentencing."

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Man convicted in 2008 Oak Park cop slaying to be resentenced**

"A convicted cop killer serving a mandatory life sentence without parole must be returned to Oakland Circuit Court for resentencing, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in a recent opinion. Jonathan Belton was 15 when he was arrested for the Dec. 28, 2008, fatal shooting of Oak Park police Officer Mason Samborski."

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#### ***Also see:***

### **The Oakland Press: Man convicted of killing Oak Park police officer to be resentenced after court ruling**

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### **Detroit Free Press: Woman charged with false rape report faces Dec. 3 trial date**

"... Thirty-eight-year-old Sara Ylen's trial was re-scheduled for Dec. 3 during a hearing Monday in front of St. Clair County Circuit Court Judge Daniel Kelly.... James Grissom — a man convicted of raping Ylen in 2003 — was released from prison in 2012 after investigators found Ylen had made other allegations of rape that could not be substantiated. He was granted a new trial by the Michigan Supreme Court in November 2012. Because of the new evidence and the length of time since the alleged incident, St. Clair County Prosecutor Mike Wendling asked the case be dismissed."

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**Note: The article also ran in the Times Herald/Port Huron.**

### **Associated Press: Senate to OK more prison for drive-by shooters**

"... Legislation expected to be approved Tuesday by the state Senate would increase prison time for people convicted of intentionally shooting from a vehicle.... Maximum sentences would be higher if victims are injured or killed, and judges would have the option of sentencing defendants to longer terms running concurrently with other criminal convictions."

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**Note: This Associated Press article also ran in the Detroit News, the Detroit Free Press, the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Lansing State Journal, the Oakland Press, the Times Herald/Port Huron and other media outlets.**

### **Detroit Legal News: Video highlights access to courts for non-English speakers**

"Michigan courts are moving forward with implementing a new court rule, aimed at ensuring 'consistent, meaningful access' to Michigan courts for those with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), according to Justice Bridget M. McCormack, who appears in a new Court Stories video, 'The Language of Justice.' "

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### **Detroit Legal News: Mission Accomplished**

"The 36th District Drug Treatment Court held its 66th graduation ceremony Sept. 20. Among the graduates and court officials gathered to mark the accomplishment were ... [Michigan Court of Appeals] Judge Michael Talbot, ... Judge Leonia J. Lloyd, ... case manager Al Cooper, Danielle P., coordinator Dawn Widman, case manager Jasmine Brimage, Court Officer DeAndre Gaskin, and Ina Grant, interim director, Probation Division."

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### **Grand Rapids Press: Allendale farmer vows to use residential road to access farmland despite court ruling**

"Despite an unfavorable state Court of Appeals ruling, Allendale farmer Dave Morren vowed to continue using a residential subdivision to access leased farmland. The appeals panel reversed a lower court ruling that had provided Morren access, when necessary, through Woodcrest Estates."

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### **Holland Sentinel: Macatawa cottagers consider state Supreme Court suit in Point West disagreement**

"Macatawa cottagers are considering whether to take a lawsuit against Park Township to the state Supreme Court in an effort to curb a 40-unit development on the peninsula. On Thursday, the Macatawa Area Residents for Fair Development board voted unanimously to begin preparations to submit its case to the Michigan Supreme Court."

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### **Lansing State Journal: Judge voids township ordinances in Clinton County that limited \$120M wind project**

"A ruling by Clinton County Circuit Judge Randy Tahvonen strikes down ordinances passed by three townships that would have placed restrictions on a proposed \$120 million wind energy project and clears the way for the project to begin."

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